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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): Pirmin ROMBACH, Jorg REHDER

For: MICROMACHINED MAGNETICALLY BALANCED MEMBRANE  
ACTUATOR

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of fifteen (15) pages
- ☒ Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority based on Application No(s). 60/236,333 filed in United States on September 29, 2000.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. ☐ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, which is herein incorporated by reference.--

b. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/236,333 filed on September 29, 2000, which is herein incorporated by reference.--

☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2) (B) (i)

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
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